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Wayne fire chief ousted by new plan

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Aplan to “right-size” school buildings in the district will be presented at theFeb. 27meeting of theVanBurenPublic SchoolsBoard of Education members.

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Canton Police recently conducted an alcohol sales check using a decoy minor who attempted to purchase alcohol at eight businesses in the township.

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The Inkster V-Day Coalition is producing The Vagina Monologues on April 27 in an effort to bring attention to the prevalent violence against women and girls.

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Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth has been elected president of the Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police.

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Family historians will be gathered at the Plymouth Historical Museum beginning at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Feb. 25, for the third in a series of genealogical workshops.

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Members of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education have agreed to place a hold-harmless operating tax levy on theMay 8 ballot.

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One lucky Wayne resident won $1 million last week on an instant lottery ticket he purchased at Mitch's Party Store onMichiganAvenue.

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The Michigan Department of Education has honored the building program between the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and Westland for excellence.

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After 20 years with the Wayne Fire Department, Chief Mel Moore was informed last week that after June 30, his services “would no longer be needed.”

Moore was told by Wayne City Manager Robert English during a meeting last Wednesday that the “city was moving in a different direction” and that his current position did not fit with those plans, he said.

Reportedly, current Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy will oversee the management of both the Wayne and Westland departments as an independent contractor starting July 1, after he retires from Westland later this year. Reddy will be paid by each community separately, according to a source close to the situation.

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Moore, who has been the Wayne chief since December of 2007 said that he was completely surprised by the announcement and had not been involved in any negotiations regarding thematter.

English confirmed the conversation and said that he felt that ongoing discussions with Westland had given hima “pretty good idea of the direction inwhichwe are going.”

“I didn't think it would be fair to have him (Moore) find out about this when I presented a recommendation to council. I don't take a 21-year employee lightly,” English said. English confirmed that to date the plan for a consolidation of fire services has not been discussed with either the Wayne or Westland city council.

Moore said that he was informed byEnglish that he has the option of retiring from the department or returning to the ranks as a captain.

English said the city had been looking for ways to consolidate all

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Random Acts of Kindness

Romulus Police surprise motorists with gift cards, thank yous

Several drivers in Romulus received a pleasant surprise last Friday, after the heart pounding palpitations of seeing the revolving red and blue lights in their rear-viewmirrors subsided.

In the spirit of Random Acts of Kindness Week, some travelers caught “obeying the traffic laws” while driving, biking or walking in the community received a thank you from Romulus police officers, plus a free Subway gift card, courtesy of the Romulus Subway Restaurant and the Romulus Police CommandOfficers Association.

“Unfortunately, many times citizen interactions with police officers are a result of a traffic violation, so on Random Acts of Kindness Day we wanted our interactions to be positive and basically thank those citizens for obeying the traffic laws - and give them something to show our appreciation” said Romulus Chief of Police Robert Dickerson.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said the Police Department initiative was a success and thanked Subway for its partnership in the effort.

“This is another great example of little things police officers can do to make a positive impact on the community,” Lambert said. “The feedback I've received from residents and business people in the city has been all positive. We're going to continue to work to rebuild the image of our outstanding Police Department that works every day to keep our city safe.”

This year, Random Acts of Kindness Week was celebrated nationally Feb. 13-19. Random Acts of Kindness Day was Friday, Feb. 17.

The random acts of kindness byRomulus police officers began Friday morning and continued until all of the gift cards were distributed. Most of those benefiting from the initiative live and/or work in Romulus. Others were just passing through the city.

While driving for his employer Archway of Romulus, Les Zalewski of Lincoln Park was stopped by Romulus police Derek Turner, who had verified Zalewski was driving under the speed limit.

“You're probably wondering why I stopped you today,” Cpl. Turner said as he explained the random acts program and presented Zalewski with a $10 Subway gift card.

“I knew I was doing the speed limit,” Zalewski said. “It was a pleasant surprise. It's pretty nice of the police officers of Romulus to do that.”

Cpt. John Leacher said: “People don't usually leave a contact with a police officer on a traffic stop feeling better about themselves or about their day. Here's an opportunity for us to be able to do that. Hopefully, they walk away, drive away or cycle awaywitha smile on their face.”

Turner said he has seen his

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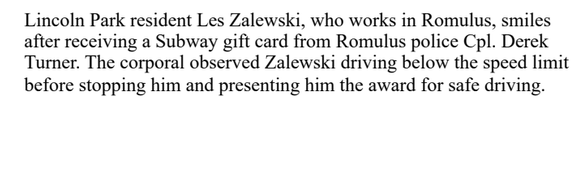

Lincoln Park resident Les Zalewski, who works in Romulus, smiles after receiving a Subway gift card from Romulus police Cpl. Derek Turner. The corporal observed Zalewski driving below the speed limit before stopping him and presenting him the award for safe driving.

Turner presented a card to Romulus resident Mark Hammond whose wife, Jane, is in the car. Hammond said the effort was good for the image of police officers.

Art From The Attic

Calder lithograph is part of sale

The Northville Art House will host the second annual Art from theAttic, thisweekend.

The Art House has accepted donations of art frompeople across southeastern Michigan. Pieces include an original lithograph by Alexander Calder, a traditional South American painting on copper that is more than 100 years old, framed and unframed works of original art and prints, as well as work bymany local artists.

“We have work ranging from the Calder to framed prints and postcards that have been hanging in homes and offices but now need a new home,” said Sue Taylor, chair of the Northville Arts Commission. “People loved this sale last year because of the treasure-hunt aspect of the event.

For more information contact the Northville Art House at (248) 344-0497.

Art from theAtticwill take place from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 25 and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday. The remaining art will be sold from noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26. Advance tickets for the Friday night sale are available for $10. Admission on Saturday andSunday is free.

Pyramid and Sphere, Lithograph by Alexander Calder

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State Law cited as defense of charter violation

Wayne City Manager Robert English has been asked by a Canton attorney to produce copies of all checks paid by the city to a sitting councilman.

The request, filed under the Freedom of Information Act by Canton attorney Ronald Ruark, requests copies of any and all city checks made payable of John P. Rhaesa, a sitting councilman, his publication, theWayne Dispatch, his wife, Natalie Rhaesa, or anyone associated with the Wayne Dispatch as payment for advertising placed in that publications or for any other services provided to the city.

The issue has been in question with citizens' questioning the legality of the city doing business with a sitting member of the council. Wayne City Manager Robert English said that Michigan State Law MCLA 15.321 and 15.328 usurp the city charter and allow the city to do business with Rhaesa and his publication.

The charter, under a section labeled Pecuniary Interest Prohibited under the City Council heading states in Section 5.11 that "No officer of the City shall have any financial interest, directly or indirectly (other than the common public interest) in the profits of any contract job, work, or service to be performed for theCity." The charter further states that "Any officer of the City who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of misconduct in office."

Another section of the charter, labeled Penalties For Violations of Charter Section 2.8 states that, "Any person found guilty of any violation of this Chartermay be punished by a fine which, in addition to court costs charged to him, shall not exceed five hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. This section shall not operate to limit or prejudice the power to remove officers or discharge employees as provided in this Charter."

English says the state law is clear and states that it supercedes any local ordinance or provision.

Questions arose regarding the propriety of the city placing paid advertisements in Rhaesa's publication, business which would appear on the surface to be strictly prohibitedby the sections of the charter.

The request, dated Feb. 13 would normally have to be fulfilled within five business days. The city has reportedly requested a 10-day extension to respond to the request.

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types of services with other communities for more than a year.

This is not a takeover of the department, as it has been rumored," English said. "We want to build a stronger department and we want towork together," he said.

"When I realized that this was the way we were probably going with this, I felt it was my responsibility to let the chief know. Telling him in advancewas the right thing to do and I think I did this the right way," he added.

English said that he did not yet have timeframe for his recommendation to the city council but that "the onus is onme".

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012 for the following:

PRINTING & MAILING SERVICES FOR SHOP CANTON GUIDES

Bids may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012 for the following:

ENGINEERING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT: WARREN/LOTS
SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION ANALYSIS & UPGRADE

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS
BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, intends to issue limited tax general obligation bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $2,000,000 for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of purchasing and installing communication and 911 emergency equipment and devices, including but not limited to radios, dispatch consoles, software and related accessories, for use by Township police, fire, 911 emergency and other departments; and

The bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum.

The bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and the full faith and credit of the Charter Township of Canton will be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due. The Charter Township of Canton will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the amount of taxes necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not exceed the limit authorized by law.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, to and for the benefit of the electors of the Charter Township of Canton in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Canton, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned Township Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Charter Township of Canton qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of said bonds, the purpose of the bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48118.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEWAPPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 15, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Tuesday, March 6, 2012	Organizational Meeting - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(No Appointments)
Monday, March 12, 2012	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	(Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 14, 2012	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	(Appointments Only)
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	(Appointments Only)

Please be advised that on Tuesday, March 13 after 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 14 after 5:00 p.m. entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Courtney Dugger, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton Township

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012 for the following:

CONDEMNATION QUALITYAPPRAISALS - PUBLIC WATER MAIN EASEMENT

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-February 14, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Demopoulos, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Eva, Director Faas, Director Nemecek, Kristin Kolb Adoption of Agenda Motion by Demopoulos, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to approve the Board Minutes of January 24, 2012. Motion carried unanimously. Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments: George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, had questions regarding property purchased by Canton. Mr. Miller also inquired if a sign could be posted at Sheldon and Cherry Hill to caution drivers of deer crossing. Payment of Bills Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENTS FOR MAYSER POLYMER USA. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to hear comment on PA 198 Tax Abatement for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real property and a PA 328 Tax Abatement for an Exemption Certificate for Personal Property for Mayser Polymer USA. Motion carried unanimously. There were no comments either in favor or opposition of this tax abatement for Mayser Polymer USA. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. to hear comment on a PA 198 Tax Abatement for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real property and a PA 328 Tax Abatement for an Exemption Certificate for Personal Property for Mayser Polymer USA. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to adopt the resolution to approve the application of the Mayser Polymer USA, for PA198 Tax Abatement for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams for a PA 328 Tax Abatement for a Personal Property Exemption. Motion carried unanimously. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Ronald Podolak to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire March 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the reappointment of Norman Mackay and Gordon Johnson to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire March 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR ONE DAY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the sale and consumption of wine at the "Toast to Canton" Wine Tasting Event on Friday, March 23, 2012; and furthermore; I move that the following resolution, be adopted: That the Charter Township of Canton, through its duly elected officers, make application to the MLCC for a Special License for the sale of wine for consumption on the premises to be in effect on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the Traditions Club House located at 315 Waterside Road, Canton, Michigan and that the Township Supervisor be authorized to sign and submit this application. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION FOR CULTURE, ARTS & HERITAGE. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the appointment of Amy Morgan as the PCCS Representative to the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. Motion carried unanimously. I tem 5. REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION OF LOCAL BODY OF GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE "INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT" AS A NON-PROFIT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR A "CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE" TO THE BUREAU OF STATE LOTTERY. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request from the "Institute of Human Development" at 1139 Brookline Drive, Canton, Michigan 48187, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan; to be recognized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTALAGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FO THE SHELDON CENTER ROAD PROJECT TO INSTALLWATER MAIN LOOP DURING THE PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve Modification No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Sheldon Center Road reconstruction project between Wayne County and Canton Township; and Further, move to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO PICK-UP TRUCKS FOR THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the purchase of two (2) 2012 GMC Sierra pickup trucks from Red Holman GMC, 35300 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 for the amount of $51,902. Funding for the replacements will come from the Water Maintenance Capital Outlay Vehicles Account #592-536.970_0040 and the Sewer Maintenance Capital Outlay Vehicles Account #592-537.970_0040. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TOUR POLICE PATROL VEHICLES AND APPROVAL OFA BUDGET AMENDMENT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a budget amendment to the 2012 Police Fund as follows: Increase Revenues: Police Fund Balance – Fund Balance Appropriation: #207-000.695_0001 $2,500.00 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay Vehicles: #207-301-50.970_0040 $2,500.00 This budget amendment increases the 2012 Police Fund from $15,816,299.00 to $15,818,799.00. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of three 2013 Ford Taurus Patrol vehicles and one 2013 Ford Explorer from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Rd, Perry, MI 48872 via a Macomb County Bid #12-07 in the amount of $ 97,165 Funding for these vehicles to come from Police Capital Outlay Account #207-301-50.970_0040. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDERAUTHORIZING LEGAL COUNSELTO FILE ACONDEMNATION LAWSUIT AGAINST PARTIES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS TO INSTALL AWATER MAIN ON EAST SIDE OF DENTON ROAD BETWEEN MOTT ROAD AND GEDDES ROAD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize Canton Township Legal Counsel to initiate legal action on behalf of Canton Township Engineering Services to condemn water main easements on the following parcels: 126-99-0009-000, 126-99-0010-000, 126-99-0011-000, 126-99-0012-000, 126-99-0013-003, 126-99-0014-003, 126-99-0016-000, 126-99-0017-000, 127-99-0002-000, 127-99-0005-000, 127-99-0007-000, 127-99-0008-000, 127-99-0009-000, 127-99-0010-000, 127-01-0001-000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR HYDRODESIGNS INCORPORATED TO IMPLEMENT CANTON'S CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to extend the professional service contract with HydroDesigns, Inc. to provide management services and inspections for the Township's Cross Connection Control Program for an amount of $32,820 (Account Number 592-536.801_0050) per year; and Further, authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. AWARD BID FOR LED LIGHTING UPGRADE, CANTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to authorize the Canton Township Supervisor and Canton Township Clerk to enter into a contract agreement between The Charter Township of Canton and Rauhorn Electric, Inc., 17171 23 Mile Road, Macomb, MI 48042 for the LED Lighting Upgrade for Canton Township Properties project involving an amount of $78,403 to be taken from account number 275-448.970_0050. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. CONSIDER APPROVING ONE-YEAR LEASE FOR FOUR HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a one-year lease of (4) Harley-Davidson FLHTP motorcycles from Town & Country Sports Center, in Cement City, Michigan, in the amount of $8,000.00; funding budgeted in Police Contractual Services, account #207-301.50-801.0050. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FOUR SECURITY CAMERAS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of four (4) IP security cameras from Interstate Security Inc., in the amount of $6,570.00, utilizing Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds budgeted in police account #207-301-50.743.0010. Motion carried unanimously. Item. 9. NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION – LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the attached resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to publish a Notice of Intent to issue Limited Tax General Obligation bonds not to exceed $2,000,000. Motion carried unanimously. At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, held on the 14th day of February, 2012. PRESENT: Anthony, Bennett, Demopoulos, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams ABSENT: None The following resolution was offered by Clerk Bennett and seconded by Treasurer McLaughlin: WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township") proposes to issue its tax-exempt bonds (the "Bonds") to finance the cost of purchasing communication and 911 emergency equipment and devices, including but not limited to radios, dispatch consoles, software and related accessories, for use by the Township police, fire, 911 emergency and other departments (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Township may advance all or a portion of the costs of the Project prior to the issuance of the Bonds, such advance to be repaid from proceeds of the Bonds upon the issuance thereof; and WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations on Income Tax (the "Reimbursement Regulations") specifies conditions under which a reimbursement allocation may be treated as an expenditure of bond proceeds, and the Township intends by this resolution to qualify amounts advanced by the Township to the Project for reimbursement from proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Reimbursement Regulations. BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, as follows: The Township hereby declares its official intent to issue its limited tax general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $2,000,000 to finance the costs of the Project. The Township hereby declares that it reasonably expects to seek reimbursement for its advances to the Project as anticipated by this resolution. The bonds shall be authorized by proper proceedings subsequent to this resolution. The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to publish the notice attached hereto once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Charter Township of Canton, which notice shall not be less than ¼ page in size in such newspaper. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded. YEAS: Anthony, Bennett, Demopoulos, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF WAYNE)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at an annual meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, held on the 14th day of February, 2012, the original of which is on file in my office. I further certify that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 14th day of February, 2012 Clerk, Charter Township of Canton Note: This notice must be not less than ¼ page in size in the newspaper. NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, intends to issue limited tax general obligation bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $2,000,000 for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of purchasing and installing communication and 911 emergency equipment and devices, including but not limited to radios, dispatch consoles, software and related accessories, for use by Township police, fire, 911 emergency and other departments; and The bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum. The bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and the full faith and credit of the Charter Township of Canton will be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due. The Charter Township of Canton will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the amount of taxes necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not exceed the limit authorized by law. RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM This notice is given, by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, to and for the benefit of the electors of the Charter Township of Canton in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Canton, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned Township Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Charter Township of Canton qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election. FURTHER INFORMATION Further information relative to the issuance of said bonds, the purpose of the bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48118. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended. Terry G. Bennett, Clerk Charter Township of Canton Item 10. BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS – 2012. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the list of 2012 Blanket Purchase Orders. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: There will be a Special Board meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. There will be no Board meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 due to the election. ADJOURN: Motion by Demopoulos, supported by Williams to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. – Philip LaJoy, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish 02/23/2012 EC022312-0522 2.5 x 15.257

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Police 'sting' finds only 1 sale to underage buyer

The Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit recently conducted an alcohol sales check using a decoy minor who attempted to purchase alcohol at eight businesses in the township. According to police reports of the operation, only one business sold to the minor, while seven others refused to make the sale.

Police said that only Marathon Gas at 41479 Michigan Ave. sold alcohol to minor while the remainder of those visited by the undercover operative refused the sale. Those stores included: Rite Aid 4151 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Party Store 43431Michigan Ave., CVS 1791 S. Haggerty Road, Rite Aid 180 S. Lilley Road, Crown Liquor 42432 Ford Road, the 7-11 at 43340 Warren and the 7-11 at 7171N. CantonCenterRoad.

The Special Enforcement Unit has performed alcohol and tobacco compliance checks at local businesses for the past several years, according to a police spokesman. The enforcement unit utilizes a "zero tolerance" enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of alcohol and tobacco sales to minors.

The spokesperson said that under local ordinances, alcohol sales to under age persons are a civil infraction and the officers issue a ticket to the server or salesperson. Penalties include a fine of not more than $100 and the establishment is cited for a Liquor Control Commission (LCC) violation, resulting in an administrative hearing with the commission, he added.

Sales of tobacco products to persons under age 18 result are also illegal and are amisdemeanor that carries a fine of up to $50, he added.

Care-full

Comerica Cares volunteers Deborah Hardison-Hill of Detroit and Mary Kosinski of CantonTownship pose with the mittens collected by Comerica colleagues for Mittens for Detroit. More than 900 pairs of mittens were presented during the Detroit Tigers Caravan stop at Comerica's Auburn Hills Operations Center last month.

Fire is second at same house

The investigation unit of the Canton Fire Department is continuing to evaluate the evidence at the scene of the second fire in the past several years at a house in the 7200 block ofWadebridge.

Fire crews responded to several calls received in the Canton Public Safety dispatch center at around 2 p.m. last Saturday, Feb. 18. When firefighters arrived on the scene, they reported heavy smoke visible at a two-story residential structure.

Firefighters made entry into the house and encountered heavy smoke and fire conditions, according to fire department reports of the incident. The fire was brought under control by firefighters utilizing multiple hose lines and the township platform ladder truck. Heavy fire and smoke damage occurred throughout the house, according to reports.

No one was home at the time of the fire, and no injuries were reported. Firefighters noted that this is the second house fire at this address within the past several years.

Canton's Fire Investigation Unit was on scene and the cause of the fire is undetermined.

Accident claims life

A 58-year-old Belleville woman died as a result of injuries sustained in a car crash in Canton Township.

Cantonpolice reported that they responded to a traffic accident report at about 11:15 a.m. Feb. 13. When officers arrived on the scene on the southbound overpass of I-275 over Michigan Avenue, they discovered that a vehicle had spun out of control on the overpass and was subsequently struck on the driver's side door by another vehicle.

The Belleville woman was the driver of the vehicle which spun out and police reports indicate she was severely injured in the incident. Canton Fire Department personnel transported her to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti where she succumbed to her injuries.

The driver of the other vehicle, a 50-year-oldWest Bloomfieldman, was taken by Canton Fire Department personnel to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne where he was treated for his injuries and released.

The Canton Police Department Accident Investigation Teamdetermined that weather and road conditions were factors in the crash although the incident remains under investigation.

Police are still searching for witnesses and request that anyone who may have seen the accident, contact themat (734) 394-5400.

Historians meet at museum Friday

Family historians will be gathered at the Plymouth Historical Museum beginning at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Feb. 25, for the third in a series of genealogical workshops.

This month, the focus will be on researching 19th century American ancestors and will feature Liz Kelley Kerstens, CGand Jana SloanBroglin, CG.

Kelley Kerstens is the executive director of themuseumand has been speaking on genealogical topics for about 15 years. She has been doing family history research for nearly 40 years. She is aCertifiedGenealogist.

Sloan Broglin is a professional genealogist with more than 30 years of experience. The workshop will conclude at 3:30 p.m. and seating is limited. The fee for the day and all four lectures is $40 which includes lunch and the option of touring the museum's special exhibit Ration Stamps & Bombers: WWII at Home during lunch and the afternoon break.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or at themuseumwebsite.

The museum is located at 155 AS. Main St., one block north of downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
COUNTY OFWAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
APPROVAL OFAMENDMENT TO
DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF
THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN 1'H H; CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 5th day of March, 2012, at 6:45 o'clock, p.m., prevailing Eastern Time at the City Hall in the City. 111 I 1 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving an amendment to the Development Plan and Tax Increment Finance Plan (the -Plan-) for the Development Area (the "Development Area") of the 'Fax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Romulus pursuant to Act 450, Public Acts of Michigan, 1980, as amended.

The boundaries of the Development Area to which the Plan currently applies are generally as follows:

The proposed amendment expands the boundaries of the Development Area to include a portion of property consisting of the right-of-way along 1-94 between Shook Road and the Vining Road interchange that is in the TIFA District but not currently included in the Development Area to facilitate implementation of projects identified in the Plan. Copies of the proposed Amendment, together with maps, plats, and other materials pertaining to the Plan are nn file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, all aspects of the amendment to the Plan will be open for discussion, and all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall he afforded an opportunity u, he heard in regard to the approval of the amendment to the Plan for the 'Fax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Romulus.

FURTHER INFORMATION may he obtained frown the Economic Development Director of the City of Romulus. THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus. Michigan.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG
Clerk, City of Romulus

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2012
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem LeRoy D. Burcroff.
Present: John Barden, LeRoy Burcroff, Linda Choate, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb.
Excused: William Crova.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Barden, seconded by Roscoe to accept the agenda as amended. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-028 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Webb to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 23, 2012. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

4. Moved by Barden, seconded by Choate to accept the chairperson's report. Rol l Cal l Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-029 5A. Moved by Barden, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement for services with IPT/BidNet at no cost to the City of Romulus. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-030 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Webb to award Bid 11/12-10 for the acquisition of one K-9, for the certification training of both the dog and handler, the first year's maintenance of the dog and all associated start-up equipment for the Romulus Police Department to the lowest bidder, K-9 Academy Training Facility in the amount of $10,900. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

*12-031 5C. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choate to adopt a resolution to recognize the change to the MERS benefits in the IAFF Contract effective January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Rol l Cal l Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-032 5D. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to award Bid 11/12-11 for the acquisition of a gas pipe and concrete chain saw with accessories for the Department of Public Works to the lowest bidder, Ace Cutting Equipment & Supply in the amount of $3,821.12. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-033 5E. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Barden to authorize the purchase of a 16 inch Gate Valve Bonnet from the sole supplier, East Jordan Iron Works in the amount of $1,528.80. Rol l Cal l Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-034 5F. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Barden to approve the re-appointment of Mark R. Wilhide and Cynthia Harris to the Police, Fire and Safety Commission with terms to expire on February 22, 2014. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-035 6A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 11/12-4, Retirees' Health Care Allocation - introduced at the Council meeting of January 23, 2012. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-036 6A2. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to approve second reading and final adoption of amended City Ordinance, Chapter 10, Emergency Management. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-037 6A3. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Webb to adopt a resolution declaring March 4, 2012 as Constitution Celebration Day in the City of Romulus. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-038 6A4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Barden to schedule a study session to discuss FEMA National Flood Insurance Program on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-039 6A5. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading and final adoption of Appendix A - Zoning Amendment 1.213, introduced at the Council meeting of January 23, 2012. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-040 6A6 Moved by Barden, seconded by Choate to schedule a public hearing regarding the TIFA Boundary Amendment on March 5, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

12-041 6A7. Moved by Webb, seconded by Choate to concur with the administration and approve the 2012/2013 CDBG allocation and proposed projects. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

*12-042 6A8(a). Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to approve the introduction of Ordinance Chapter 2-436 which adds the Building Department as an empowered enforcing agency for the Romulus building codes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

*12-043 6A8(b). Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Barden to approve the introduction of Ordinance Chapter 5-17 - to clarify section numbering; Ordinance Chapter 5-171 & 172 - to update the International Property Maintenance Code; and Chapter 5-182 to grant authority to the Building Department to issue appearance tickets for any violations of Chapter 5.

12-044 6C. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Webb to approve the revisions to the Romulus Cemetery Rules and Regulations as follows: Page 1, Number 2 - change dates for removal of all floral arrangements, wreaths and grave blankets to read March 1st to March 31st; Page 6, delete under additional charges - "$200 wi 11 be added for set up of additional services (i.e., tent, awnings and chairs)," Page 6, add - "above prices include tent and chairs." Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Choate, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously .

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 6, 2012.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2012 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM
HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS
IN THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS:

Antique Forest #1
Antique Forest #2
Cobblestone Ridge #3
Cobblestone Ridge #4
Fairways West #1
Fairways West #2
Grand Oaks
Huntington Place #1
Huntington Place #2
Kirkway
North Woods Place
Pinewood #1
Pinewood #2
Vintage valley
Miscellaneous Locations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on `Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 49188 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

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INKSTER - ROMULUS

Schools to ask for millage in May

Voters in Romulus will be asked to approve a school millage onMay 8, without any increase to their current tax rate.

Members of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Educationhave agreed to place the hold-harmless operating tax levy on the May ballot. Voters will be asked to replace an expiring 16.6363-mill taxwith a 5-year 5.1314 mill rate.

Officials have stated that the millage fundingwill beused to support essential district services such as transportation, technology and maintenance. Romulus homeowners have paid the 16.6363 mill rate since 1994. The new millage would replace the current levy approved in 2001. If approved, homeowners would see the new rate on the tax bills in 2012 until 2016.

Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss emphasized that the new rate would not increase taxed currently paid by property owners in Romulus. To help explain and educate the community, Weiss said, school officials would be meeting with parents and civic organizations to explain themillage proposal.

He said it is important for taxpayers to understand that this is not a new tax or an increase.

> The tax would collect about $2.2 million the first year and $11 million during the five-year term.

Owners of a home valued at $60,000 would pay about $154 a year, he said..

The tax would collect about $2.2 million the first year and $11 million during the five-year term. The funding would be used to purchased school buses and computers for the elementary schools. Weiss said that the district has been unable to purchase new buses for the past two years and some of the vehicles are more than 11 years old and still in operation. The elementary school computers were purchased in 2002 and are so outdated that soon the district will be unable to even purchased replacement parts.

The last day of registration for theMay electionwill beApril 9.

Kindness

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share of bad car accidents. He said tickets issued by police are meant to deter violations of the law.

"Romulus police officers love this city," Turner said. "We have some of the finest men and women in the state working for this community. We're dedicated and are here to serve in any capacity we can to keep Romulus safe."

Romulus resident Mark Hammond was driving with his wife, Jane, when hewas stopped on Romaine Street. Hammond, who said he served as a police officer for 11 years inTexas, said the gift card program was an effort that would leave motorists with a positive feeling about their experiencewithpolice.

Ronald Seit, also of Romulus, said he wondered why he was stopped because he was not speeding. He said the gift card he receivedwas "nice."

Romulus police Lt. Joshua Monte, who is president of the Romulus Command Officers Association, said the union "is proud to support and sponsor this cause and, at the same time, give something back to the community we serve on a daily basis."

Mayor Pro-Tem LeRoy Burcroff saidhe and othermembers of the Romulus City Council appreciated the unique effort as much as the gift card recipients.

"This was an awesome concept and such a positive program," Burcroff said. "We appreciate the Police Department's efforts and creativity in participating in Random Acts of KindnessWeek."

V-Day

Play is fundraiser to help groups stamp out violence against women

The Inkster V-Day Coalition is seeking help in stamping out violence against women.

The coalition, in conjunction with Zeta Phi Beta sorority, Inc. Zeta Nu Zeta Champer and the InkSter Dover Foundation, is producing the critically acclaimed play, The Vagina Monologues on April 27. The production is an effort to bring attention to the prevalent violence against women and girls, a spokesperson said.

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets and donations are needed to aid in reducing production costs. The women are also seeking financial contributions to make the productionpossible.

Dr. Madie Jackson Searcy, sorority president, said that violence against women and girls take many forms including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery and that donations are needed to help bring the project to fruition.

Ten percent of all ticket sales will be donated to the national V-Day Campaign, she said, and the remainder donated to the Stanford House, Inc. a local women's shelter.

Checks for donations should be made payable to The Inkster Dove. More information is available from Searcy, (313)980-8808 or Arbrie GriffinBradley, (313)529-1111.

She said that the message of the play is that violence against women is serious problem worldwide and in the Inkster community.

The V-Day Movement is an effort to end violence against womenworldwide.

The Vagina Monologues is made up of a varying number of monologues read by a varying number of women, initially, Eve Ensler who wrote the play, performed every monologue herself, with subsequent performances featuring three actresses, and more recent versions featuring a different actress for every role.

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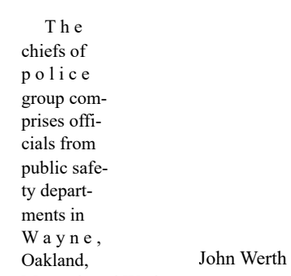
BELLEVILLE - NORTHVILLE

Northville director to lead state group

Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth may soon take the "protect and serve" motto all theway toLansing.

As part of his responsibilities as the new president of the Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police, Werth will be working toward the core goals of the group, which include the enhancing of cooperating between public safety departments, supporting professional growth and training and keeping legislators informed. That will include testifying in Lansing before the Legislature about what good legislation can do to ensure public safety.



John Werth

The chiefs of police group comprises officials from public safety departments in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties and represents 100 such agencies and has 285 members. Wert, who lives in Plymouth Township, has been amember of the group since 2001. The association is part of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Belleville may close schools

A plan to “right-size” school buildings in the district will be presented at the Feb. 27 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Educationmembers.

The meeting follows a community forum Feb. 7 during which findings of the facility utilization study were discussed by Paul Wills of Plante Moran and Dr. Michael Wilmot of Michigan Leadership Institute. The two groups were hired by the board to determine the most efficient and cost effective use of school facilities throughout the district.

During the forum, Wills explained that the district currently has the capacity for 7,500 students. Currently, there are 5,332 students enrolled which results in a utilization rate of about 71 percent in 2011.

Costs of operating the building were also presented. Mills said the district is spending $42 per square foot to operate elementary schools and $18 per square foot.

With the current budget deficit facing the district, Wills said the district must increase the number of students or cut the cost of operating the buildings.

He outlined three options for the board, The first would close two elementary schools and send fifth and sixth graders to one middle school and all seventh and eighth grad students to the other.

A second option would also close two elementary schools without changing any grade configurations. Wills said this would force a rightsizing of middle school utilization in three to five years.

A third option would also close two elementary schools and one of the middle schools. Grade configuration would be changed to kindergarten through sixth grade at elementary schools and all seventh and eighth grads taught at a middle school. The high school wouldbe left unchanged.

The board meeting at 7 p.m. Monday has been moved to the BellevilleHigh School auditorium in anticipation of the large audience.

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CITY OF ROMULUS

ORDINANCE NO. 12-036

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-WRITE CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE CITY'S APPOINTMENT OF THE WAYNE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AS THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY UNDER PA 390 of 1976, THEREBY ELIMINATING THE CITY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ATTENDANT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE WAYNE COUNTY COORDINATOR.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREBY ORDAINS:

THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN, CHAPTER 10, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS HEREBYAMENDED BYWAY OFA RE-WRITE AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 10-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Disaster means an occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, snow, ice or windstorm, wave action, oil spills, water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, utility failure, hazardous peacetime radiological incident, major transportation accident, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action. Riots and other civil disorders are not within the meaning of this term unless they directly result from and are an aggravating element of the disaster.

District Coordinator means the state police district emergency services coordinator or his authorized representative.

Emergency operations plan means the Wayne County emergency operations plan, which shall be prepared under the Emergency Management Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of Michigan, as amended, to coordinate disaster response and recovery within the city.

Emergency preparedness means generally planning, training, and exercise in preparation for states of emergency and/or states of disaster.

Emergency response means generally assessment, response, mitigation, and recovery pertaining to states of emergency and/or states of disaster.

Emergency services or emergency management means and includes preparations for, response to, and relief from the effects of natural and man-made disasters, including civil defense. This includes both "emergency preparedness" and "emergency response".

Emergency services forces means all disaster relief forces; all agencies of the municipal government, private and volunteer personnel, public officers and employees; and all other persons or groups having duties or responsibilities under this chapter or pursuant to a lawful order or directive authorized by this chapter or under state law.

Emergency situation means any situation confronting a community requiring emergency actions of a lesser nature than a disaster, to include but not be limited to civil disturbances, labor strikes, visits by national or international dignitaries, and build-up activities prior to an actual disaster.

State of disaster means a declaration by executive order or proclamation by the governor under the provisions of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976 (MCL 30.401 et seq., MSA 4.824 (11) et seq.), as amended, which activates the disaster response and recovery aspects of state, local, and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and authorizes the deployment and use of any forces to which the plan or plans apply.

State of emergency means an executive order or proclamation that activates the emergency response and recovery aspects of the state, local, and inter-jurisdictional emergency operations plans applicable to the counties or municipalities affected.

Wayne County Coordinator means the Wayne County Emergency Management Coordinator, who is hereby appointed to coordinate emergency planning and services within the city as prescribed in this chapter.

Sec. 10-2. Intent and purpose.

(a) The intent and purpose of this Chapter is as follows:

(1) to set forth the relative duties and responsibilities of the City of Romulus and the County of Wayne as they relate to emergency management;

(2) to designate Wayne County as the organization that will ensure the complete and efficient utilization of all municipal and County resources during periods of emergency and disaster in the event that the Romulus Mayor deems that any condition in the City of Romulus is beyond the control or capabilities of the City's emergency services forces;

(b) Wayne County - via its Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, or otherwise - is the coordinating agency responsible for countywide and citywide emergency services vested in them by this Chapter and through the Emergency Management Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of Michigan, as amended ("the Act"); and

(c) This Chapter will not relieve any elected officials or municipal departments of the normal responsibilities or authority given by general law or local ordinance, nor will it deprive them of any authority otherwise reserved or provided for them in this chapter or otherwise, nor will it affect the work of the American Red Cross or other volunteer agencies organized for relief in a natural disaster.

Sec. 10-3. Organization for emergency services.

(a) Prior to a declaration of a state of emergency and/or state of disaster, the Wayne County Coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Creating and updating an Emergency Operations Plan which would include and provide for planning and emergency services for the City of Romulus;

(2) Submitting the Emergency Operations Plan to the City of Romulus Mayor's office and Police and Fire Chiefs for review and input on a yearly basis;

(3) Making available all Wayne County departments and assets (including, but not limited to, mobile command posts, radios, roads crews, barricading, equipment, etc) upon request by the Romulus Mayor's office, Police Chief, and Fire Chief;

(4) Making available mutual aid assets from Wayne County's 6-county mutual aid agreement and other mutual aid agreements to which Wayne County is a party;

(5) Performing any other duties set forth under the Act, as amended.

(b) Subsequent to a declaration of a state of emergency and/or state of disaster, the Wayne County Coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Utilization of all available departments and assets set forth in subsection (a) above;

(2) Conducting a damage / event assessment;

(3) Working with the local incident commander to provide support;

(4) Working with the applicable Wayne County and City of Romulus representatives to implement the Incident Action Plan / Emergency Action Plan

(5) Communication with the applicable State of Michigan representatives regarding the potential for declaration of a state of disaster and/or requesting of state and / or federal assets;

(6) Performing any other duties set forth under the Act, as amended.

(c) Pursuant to this Chapter, the Wayne County Coordinator shall create an organization for emergency management, utilizing to the fullest extent existing agencies within Wayne County and the City of Romulus.

(d) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, the mayor, as executive head of the city government, shall be the director of the City's emergency services forces, working, to the extent applicable under this Chapter, through the Wayne County Coordinator.

(1) The employees, equipment and facilities of all municipal departments, boards, institutions and commissions suitable for or adaptable to emergency services activities may be designated as part of the total emergency services forces. Such designations shall be by the mayor with the approval of the city council.

(2) All officers and employees of departments, commissions, boards, institutions and other agencies of the City government designated as City's emergency services forces by the Mayor with the approval of the city council shall cooperate with the Wayne County Coordinator. They shall assist the Wayne County Coordinator in all matters pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

Sec. 10-4. Wayne County Emergency Services Coordinator.

(a) The Wayne County Coordinator shall meet any and all requirements of state and federal law pertaining to such position.

(b) The Wayne County Coordinator shall be responsible for the administration, planning, coordination, and operation of all emergency services activities in the city, except those which are expressly reserved for the City. He shall maintain liaison with city, state, and federal authorities, and the authorities of adjacent and nearby political subdivisions so as to ensure the most effective emergency operations.

(c) His duties shall further include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Development and implementation of Wayne County's Emergency Operations Plan, and any other appropriate disaster plans, for the immediate use of all of the facilities, equipment, manpower, and other resources of Wayne County for the purpose of minimizing or preventing damage to persons or property, and for protecting and restoring to usefulness governmental services and public utilities necessary for the public health, safety, and general welfare;

(2) Coordinating the recruitment and training of volunteer personnel and agencies to augment the personnel and facilities of Wayne County for emergency purposes;

(3) Through public information programs, educating the population as to actions necessary and required for the protection of persons and property in case of a disaster;

(4) Conducting practice alerts and/or exercises;

(5) Coordinating the activity of all public and private agencies engaged in any emergency or disaster relief programs;

(6) Negotiating with owners or persons in control of buildings or other property for the use of such buildings or property for emergency or disaster relief purposes, and designating suitable buildings as public shelters.

(8) Coordinating municipal emergency preparedness and response activities with those at the County level and adjacent municipalities and counties, including those party to mutual aid agreements.

(9) Working with the City's local incident commander and the mayor to ensure the proper implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan and the fullest extent of county, state, and federal support, as applicable.

(10) Whenever the Wayne County Coordinator deems that any condition in the City is beyond the scope of his control or capabilities, he may request the governor to declare that a state of disaster exists therein by contacting the District Coordinator in accordance with the Act, as amended.

Sec. 10-5. Powers and duties of mayor.

(a) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter and the authority of the County Coordinator, as and when provided in this Chapter, the mayor, as executive head of the City government, shall be the director of the City's emergency services forces and shall have power and authority over their organization, administration and operation.

Whenever a situation requires or is likely to require that the mayor invoke such power and authority, he shall, as soon as reasonably expedient, convene the city council to perform its legislative duties as the situation demands, and shall report to that body relative to emergency activities. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as abridging or curtailing the powers of the city council unless specifically provided in this Chapter.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter and the authority of the County Coordinator, as and when provided in this Chapter, the mayor with the approval of the city council is hereby empowered and has the authority to:

(1) Appropriate and expend funds, make contracts, and obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for disaster purposes;

(2) Provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victims of a disaster.

(3) Assign and make equipment available for duty, including the employees, property, or equipment of the City related to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical, and related services, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for disaster relief purposes within or with out the physical limits of the City.

(4) In the event of a foreign attack upon this state, waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of permanent and temporary workers, the utilization of volunteer workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase and distribution with or without compensation of supplies, materials, and facilities, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

(c) The mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall establish procedures for the succession of government during emergencies where officials are unavailable for exercising the powers and discharging the duties of their respective offices.

(d) The mayor with the approval of the city council may make regulations permitting the Wayne County Coordinator to assemble and utilize the emergency services forces and to provide disaster relief aid as pre scribed in this Chapter.

(e) When obtaining formal approvals would result in delay of relief activity, the mayor may, until the city council convenes, waive procedures and formalities otherwise required pertaining to the performance of public works, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase and distribution of supplies, materials and facilities and the expenditure of existing funds. The city council is also empowered to waive any such procedures and formalities.

(e) If the mayor deems that any condition in the City is beyond the control or capabilities of the City's emergency services forces, he shall call upon the Wayne County Coordinator who shall at such time assume responsibility for emergency services, in accordance with this Chapter and the Wayne County emergency operations plan.

Sec. 10-6. Rights of city employees.

City employees assigned to duty as a part of the emergency services forces or otherwise pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall retain all of the rights, privileges and immunities of city employees, and shall receive the compensation incident to their employment.

Sec. 10-7. No governmental or private liability.

(a) Any actions taken by the City pursuant to this Chapter shall constitute governmental functions for the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare. As such, neither the city nor agents and representatives of the City, nor any individual, receiver, firm, partnership, corporation, association, nor trustee, nor any of the agents thereof acting in good faith carrying out, complying with, or attempting to comply with this Chapter shall be liable for any damage sustained to persons or property as a result of such activity.

(b) Any person owning or controlling real estate or other premises, who voluntarily and without compensation grants the city or the Wayne County Coordinator the right to inspect, designate and use the whole or any part of such real estate or premises for the purpose of sheltering persons during a disaster or during an authorized practice disaster exercise, shall not be civilly liable for the death of or any injury to any person on or a bout such real estate or premises under such license, privilege or other permission, or for loss of or damage to the property of such person.

(c) Nothing in this Section or otherwise in this Chapter shall be construed as an assumption of any liability or any waiver by the City of any governmental immunity to which it is entitled.

Sec. 10-8. Conflicting ordinances; orders; rules and regulations suspended.

At all times when the orders, rules, and regulations made and promulgated pursuant to this Chapter shall be in effect, they shall supersede all other existing ordinances, orders, rules and regulations, insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.

Sec. 10-9. Violations.

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder or delay any emergency services forces in the enforcement or accomplishment of any rule or regulation issued pursuant to this Chapter, or to do any act forbidden by any rule or regulation issued pursuant to the authority contained in this Chapter. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to wear, carry, or display any emblem, insignia, or other means of identification as a member of the emergency services forces of the city unless authority to do so has been granted to such person by proper officials. Violations of the above shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 1-13 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances.

Savings Clause: Nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or administrative body, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any Act or Ordinance hereby repealed by this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Severability: Should any word, sentence, phrase, or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by an state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases, or portions of this Ordinance.

Conflicting Ordinances: All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Readings: This Ordinance shall be given a first reading on January 23, 2012, shall be enacted on February 6, 2012 and shall be published on or before February 23, 2012 and shall be effective February 23, 2012.

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 6th day of February, 2012.

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

INTRODUCED: January 23, 2012
ADOPTED: February 6, 2012
PUBLISHED: February 23, 2012

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby by suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

School building program wins state award

The Michigan Department of Education has selected the William D. Ford Career Technical Center Construction Trades partnership with the City of Westland Neighborhood Stabilization program for its annual Excellence in Practice Award. "This partnership is an outstanding example of a School/Community collaboration to provide the opportunity for students to develop Construction trades skills while providing service to the community," said WestlandMayorWilliamR.Wild.

Westland received Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to combat the issue of abandoned and foreclosed homes. One aspect of the program is to acquire foreclosed and vacant properties for renovation or new construction and sale to first time homebuyers. Through the partnership with the technical center program, the city provides properties for new construction or rehabilitation. The students in Construction Trades classes are part of an on-site build fromfoundation to finish, Wild said.

The slow housing market and decline in new home building required that the Construction Trades program become creative, as they did not have the resources to continue to build homes that could not be sold, the mayor added. The city had been seeking ways to partner with the program and the Neighborhood Stabilization Programgrant led the way.

The federal funds are used by the city to purchase vacant land or homes for rehabilitation which are provided to the school, along with funding for the building project. Students have the opportunity to work alongside skilled tradesmen on these projects, Wild said. They are responsible for every detail in the construction of the home, are trained as estimators and work in every trade used to build or remodel a home. Each project culminates in an open house which also showcases the student work, and the keys are turned over to the city to help someone own their own home or the first time.

Neighborhoods are continuously being improved with this winning combination of the Wayne Westland Community Schools and the City of Westland working together," continuedWild.

"These homes include green building practices, including Energy Star certification. Additional features and quality materials are incorporated due to the lower building costs realized from the student participation in the projects,"Wild said."

The students also may receive academic credits for Algebra II and 4th year math and may earn college credits at Ferris State University, HenryFordCommunity College, Washtenaw Community College or Davenport University through this program, he added.

Career Education Award Trophy Mike Koelzer, program instructor, Joanne Inglis, Westland Community Development director, Steven Kay, Principal, William D. Ford Career Technical Center and Mark Valchine, program instructor are all smiles about the award from the Michigan Department of Education. For more information, contact Shannon Ackron, Administrative Secretary, at (734) 467-3200.

Wayne resident wins $1 million

There is a very happy man somewhere in theCity ofWayne.

The individual, who has asked for anonymity, won $1 million on a state lottery instant game card last week.

"I was on my way to work when I bought the ticket. I scratched it off in my car. When I saw I'd won a million dollars, I couldn't believe it," the winner said. He won the $1 million by playing the Michigan's Lottery's $50,000,000 Cash Spectacular instant game.

"My heart was racing, my hands were shaking" said the lucky player. "I drove around in circles for 10 minutes before heading home to share the news with family. I knew I couldn't work then, I was too excited."

This fortunatewinner intends to "check out options" and spend themoneywisely.

The winning ticket was sold by Mitch's Party Store located at 37504 Michigan Ave. inWayne.

More than 95 cents of every dollar spent on Lottery tickets is returned to the state.

Mayor offers tax advice

Millions of dollars in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) money goes unclaimed every year.

Mayor William R. Wild is urging Westland residents to apply for their share of these funds through the Internal Revenue Service. The federal programgoes unused by about 20 percent of qualified workers entitled to receive a check for up to $5,751, Wild said.

"Every year there is money available to working families and individuals that does not get claimed. File your 2011 tax return and take advantage of this tax credit, which puts money in your pocket and into our local our economy."

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Many working families and individuals in Westland fail to apply for the credit each year, missing out on their share of the money, Wild added. Seniors, individualswith low incomes, and non-English speaking tax payers account for much of the unclaimed credits because they don't realize they are eligible, he said.

The City of Westland Community Development Department, Senior Resource Center and the William P Faust Library are teaming up with the IRS, AARP Tax Aide, Community Action agencies, to remind people that they must file a 2011 federal income tax return to receive the EITC - even if they owe no tax.

Wild said that any individual or couple who worked in 2011 should file for the EITC.

The amount of the credit depends on family size and gross income. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided a temporary increase in EITC for taxpayers with three or more qualifying children. This increase was extended for 2011 and 2012 by the Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2010, according toWild.

EITC eligibility requirements specify that those with three or more qualifying children, income less than $43,998 or $49,078 if married filing jointly are eligible for a maximum refund of $5,751

With two qualifying children, income less than $40,964 or $46,044 if married filing jointly, the maximum refund is $5,112 . Those with one qualifying child, income less than $36,052 or $41,132 if married filing jointly, can receive a maximum refund of $3,094

Those with no children, income less than $13,660 or $18,740 if married filing jointly, could receive a refundup to $464.

In addition to other requirements, only those younger than 65 qualify

Free tax preparation services are available to low and moderate income families and seniors now through April 17 at the City ofWestlandFriendshipCenter.

Call the Friendship Center (734) 722-7628, the Community Development Center (734) 595-0288 or the William P Faust Library (734) 326-6123 formore information.

New finance director hired

The City of Wayne didn't have to look too far to find someone to oversee the finance department.

James Ghedotte, a former city employee who recently retired from the City of Oak Park, was appointed to the position earlier this month. City Manager Robert English made the recommendation, which was approvedunanimously.

"I think he will be an outstanding asset to theCity ofWayne," saidEnglish.

Ghedotte was a former controller for the city, according toEnglish.

He left in 1993 to become the director of finance for Oak Park. He held that position for 18 years.

The city had been using the accounting firm of Plante Moran for the work on a contractual basis, but the firm only supplied someone for three days of the week, said English.

"This has nothing to do with the city's dis-enchantment with Plante Moran, at all. We are still in a very difficult economic situation," he said. "It works for some communities, unfortunately it was not working as well as we thought it would in Wayne. It'd be nice tohave someonehere five days aweek."

WayneMayor Al Haidous agreed.

"I have no problem with the job we did; we have a problem with the contract. We need someone here five days a week," he said. He's no new face to the City of Wayne. I thinkhis reputation is a great one."

Ghedotte will be paid $81,500 in salary, but Wayne will not have to contribute any funds toward his benefits, because he will receive those from Oak Park. English said that would save Wayne $15,000. Ghedotte would be eligible for a pension fromWayne, but at a lesser rate than current employees, he added.

"He would have to work here for 10 years to qualify,"English said.

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INVITATION TO BID
Westwood Community School District

Sealed bids for Roof Restoration and Replacement projects at Robichaud High School, Tomlinson Middle School, Thorne Elementary School, Daly Elementary School and the Administrative Offices for The Westwood Community School District will be accepted until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2012, in the Business Office, Westwood Community Schools, 3335 S. Beech Daly, and Dearborn Heights MI 48125. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will held on Tuesday March 7, at 9 am at the same address. Documents for the bid may be obtained beginning on March 1, 2012, at the Administrative Offices, 3335 S. Beech Daly, and Dearborn Heights, MI 48125, or by emai l ing a request to stulld@wwschools.net.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE
2012 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, (Lower Level) Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by APPOINTMENT ONLY for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

Meeting dates are as follows:

March 12, 2012:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 13, 2012:	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 14, 2012:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 14, 2012 at 12:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, All Representatives or Agents MUST submit original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520 from 8:00 am to 12 :00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.213

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by rezoning certain property from M-1, Light Industrial District to C-3, Highway Business District.
THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone 73.32 acres (11 parcels) of land located on the south side of Eureka between I-275 and S. Wayne Road from M-1, Light Industrial District to C-3, Highway Business District.
DP# 80 125 99 0001 000; 80 130 99 0001 706; 80 130 99 0006 000; 80 130 99 0007 000; 80 130 99 0008 000; 80 130 99 0009 701; 80 130 99 0010 702; 80 130 99 0012 001; 80 130 99 0012 003; 80 130 99 0012 004; and 80 130 99 0013 702.

Legal Description of Parcel
80 125 99 0001 000; 80 130 99 0001 706; 80 130 99 0006 000; 80 130 99 0007 000; 80 130 99 0008 000; 80 130 99 0009 701; 80 130 99 0010 702; 80 130 99 0012 001; 80 130 99 0012 003; 80 130 99 0012 004; and 80 130 99 0013 702
73.32 acres

SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official news paper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council at the City of Romulus this 6th day of February, 2012. Alan R. Lambert, Mayor Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 6th day of February 2012. Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

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Board decisions could threaten residents' safety

Guest commentary
By Greg Mangan

Plymouth Township officials have recently stated that the Plymouth Township Fire Department will be downsized and that there must be a contraction of the department due to the end of the merger with the City of Plymouth. These changes will cause irreparable harm to the citizens of Plymouth Township, as well as those who work, visit and drive through the community.

The township is 18 square miles, with a population of approximately 28,000 that grows to more than 38,000, a 35 percent increase, during the daytime. This increase is due to the large number of industrial, research and development areas, alongwithmultiplemanufacturing facilities. Additionally, there are many other large industrial complexes, as well as multi-story hotels, apartment and condominiums, mega-churches, office buildings, nursing homes, and a large sports arena complex. Plymouth Township also includes I-96/M-14 and I-275, which are some of the busiest in the State of Michigan. It is also the CSX Railroads "Crossroads of the State of Michigan," with north/south and east/west trains passing through the area approximately every 15 minutes, day andnight.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to 3,633 runs, with 2,622 in Plymouth Township in 2011. By comparison, in 1995, the first year of the fire department merger, there were a total of 2,564 runs, with 1770 in Plymouth Township. That year there were a total of 25 employees of the fire department, as compared with 24 currently, including theFire Chief, Inspector and administrative assistant.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department currently has a full time staff of 24, which includes one fire chief, one fire inspector, one administrative assistant and 21 firefighter/paramedics. There are three fire stations, staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by the firefighter/paramedics. Maximum, daily staffing is currently seven firefighter/paramedics per day between all three stations, with a minimum of six. Plymouth Community Fire Department has seen a reduction of eight full time personnel, three from layoffs last year, and the remaining through attrition, froma high of 32 in 2002, a 25 percent decrease. Daily maximum staffing, between the three stations, has decreased fromnine to seven.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees is proposing drastic reductions to the fire department. They have indicated that six more firefighter/ paramedics will need to be laid off to "right size" the department. This will result in a nearly 30 percent decrease in firefighter/paramedics available to respond to emergencies. Daily, maximum staffing will be further reduced from seven to five, with no more minimum staffing requirements. Daily minimum staffing could realistically be reduced to three a day, with the firefighters' contract allowing two firefighters to be off per day. Consequently, Fire station #2 will be closed permanently due to the decrease in staffing. Station#3would be closed on days where staffing was less than four firefighters, leaving only Station #1 to cover all emergencies in the township.

A landmark study issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) shows that the size of firefighting crews has a substantial effect on the fire service's

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Making a real difference

Now, thiswas a good idea.

We have nothing but good things to say about the efforts of the Romulus Police Department last Friday when they stopped several motorists, red and blue lights flashing, to thank them for obeying traffic signals, being courteous, or otherwise demonstrating goodmanners.

It was Make a Difference Day and the Romulus Police Department decided, under the leadership of new Chief Robert Dickerson, to do just that.

When the motorists were stopped, they were politely thanked by the officers and presented with a gift card to the Subway sandwich shop in the city as a small reward for simply doing the right thing at the right time.

That's reallymaking a difference, we think, in the way people perceive law enforcement and officers inparticular.

Let's face it, the Romulus department had a pretty serious public relations problem after the last chief and several detectives were arrested and still face criminal charges. When Dickerson took over, he knew it would be an uphill climb to regain the respect and trust of the community and repair the reputation of the department across the state. Mayor Alan Lambert was confident that Dickerson was the man for the job, and so far, his judgment seems to have been right on the mark.

Romulus detectives handled a very messy murder in January and despite some pretty confusing and misleading evidence, found the suspect and arrested him in record time. The department has been building trust and cooperation with their neighboring departments, like Canton Township, too, through this case and others.

We don't knowwho in the department thought up the Make a Difference Day traffic stops to reward good drivers and courteous citizens, but it was a great morale builder for the residents and probably the department, too.

Let's face it, very few people are ever happy to see those flashing lights in their rear view mirrors. And when police officers arrive at a home, it's usually bad news for somebody, whether the victim who reported a crime or a suspect about to be arrested.

These guys deserve to be thanked and welcomed every once in awhile, and we're confident that the drivers who were fortunate enough to experience these courtesy stops last week are still smiling about it.

The officers who handed out the gift cards really made a difference Friday----but we're of the opinion that most of these of officers make a difference in our quality of life and our safety every day.

Thanks, guys.

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Growing up or growing old – hard to tell

> "The other day I couldn't remember where I put my cell phone. I called my beloved spouse, in tears. I was hysterical because I really, really needed the phone that evening."

It's hard to tell sometimes, if I am growing up, or just growing old.

I know it was a sign of growing old when I ran to the bank last week and struggled to get my car keys into my coat pocket while I was waiting in the long line at the teller. Then I realized, after some indulgent smiles from onlookers, that I hadmy raincoat on inside out.

Score one for growing old.

When the third or fourth telemarketer called me while I was trying to watch a recording of Shameless last week, I didn't even listen for the pitch, just said, "No thank you," and hung up. That's got to be a few points on the wisdom side, since I no longer get angry and swear at them, because, hey, these people are just trying to do a job. But, I didn't listen politely to her long sales pitch the way I used to, either.

OK, well, there was that other one, but I couldn't help it. The evil neurons left synapsing in my brain took control and I interrupted the guywhowanted to sell me newwindows to ask him what he was wearing. He just kept going with his little pitch, so I upped the ante and asked him if he was married and was he calling from home. That at least got a long pause in the script, so I asked him if he would just breathe heavily into the phone for me for a few minutes. Another long pause. Then I breathily asked him for his cell phone number.

He hung up on me. Go figure. Some people are just rude.

It had to be age related when I put the cat in the refrigerator, something nobody in my familywill ever letme forget.

Yeah, I had some dental work done and under the influence of very stringently controlled substances prescribed to ease the pain, left the milk bottle on the kitchen counter and put the cat in the Subzero. Imagine my surprise when I opened the door, the light came on and my best friend in the world was sitting placidly there on the shelf.

Despite the chemical involve-

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Letters

Service levels questioned

To the editor:

If I lived in City of Plymouth and called 911 for help, I'd pray the one Northville Fire Department-Plymouth City ambulance was not busy and if they were, I'd pray harder the HVA Ambulance service was not too far away, and had at least oneParamedic onboard.

A recent news article, titled, "The Ultimate Lifesaver" in the Feb. 14 Wall Street Journal, chronicled the importance of having the right ambulance with right equipment at the right time attended by Paramedics -- the most skilled providers of pre-hospital -- care and how that drastically affects patients' survival rate; a subject of great debate and abundant misinformation in our Plymouth community.

According to the article, cardiac arrest kills close to 300,000 people a year in the U.S., and trauma is the number one killer of people under age 44, Of those who die, more than half do so in the first two hours, before they ever arrive at an emergency room.

In most communities, emergencymedical systems are generally overseen by a state or regional agency and vary by community. However, ambulances may be operated by fire departments, hospitals, volunteer group or private

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Fire

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ability to protect lives and property in residential fires.

Performed by a broad coalition in the scientific, firefighting and public-safety communities, the study found that four-person firefighting crews were able to complete 22 essential firefighting and rescue tasks in a typical residential structure 30 percent faster than two-person crews and 25 percent faster than three-person crews.

The permanent closing of Fire station #2, as well as the “browning out,” of Station #3, when applicable, will result in longer response times from the Plymouth Township Fire Department. This will in turn, particularly jeopardize the residents of the Lake Pointe neighborhoods in Station #2 response area as well as everyone else that lives, works, visits or drives through PlymouthTownship.

The Lake Pointe area of Plymouth Township is in the northeast section of the community. The area consists of more than 900 residences. LakePointe is inStation#2 response area. The Lake Pointe area can be inaccessible from Station #1, the next closest fire station, due to the railroad tracks at Haggerty and the occasions when Hines Drive is flooded. In those instances when Hines Drive is flooded and there is also a train going through the railroad tracks, the fire department, with Station #2 being closed, will have to take an alternate route going out of the community into Livonia and Northville Township to get back into theLakePointe area.

Increased response times will not be limited to this particular circumstance in Lake Pointe. But, in fact, response times will greatly increase for many other instances in the township due to the decrease in staffing levels and closing of fire stations.

The staffing and apparatus placement allow the Plymouth Township Fire Department to maintain an average response time of four and a half minutes. This is critical for many reasons. The following are examples where studies have shown:

· Infant/pediatrics who experience oxygen deprivation begin to suffer permanent brain damage at 4 minutes (Choking, drowning, sudden cardiac arrest, etc.).

· Adult Oxygen Deprivation begins to cause brain death at 4-6 minutes. Brain death is assured at 10minutes.

· CPR, if began within 4 minutes of cardiac arrest and followed by electric defibrillation within 10 minutes can increase chances of survivability by 40 percent.

· In cardiac arrest, with every passing minute, the chances for a victim's survival decreases by 10 percent. Defibrillation is more successful when performed within 8 minutes of the cardiac arrest, and most successful if performedwithin 5minutes.

· With trauma patients, the “Golden Hour” is the time from the point of traumatic injury to the time they receive definitive medical care. Studies have proven that getting a patient to a trauma center operating room within the first 60 minutes of injury drastically increases the chance of survival. Every minute matters for survivability, especially within the first “GoldenHour.”

· For trauma patients who are trapped in a vehicle from a motor vehicle accident or an industrial machinery accident, their extrication time is also included in the “Golden Hour.” All Plymouth Township Fire Engines carry professionally trained rescue firefighters and extrication equipment (Jaws of Life).

· In just two minutes, a structure fire can become life-threatening. In five minutes, a residence can become engulfed in flames. Time is critical in search and rescue.

In conclusion, the changes being proposed by the Plymouth Township board would cause irreparable damage to the residents, visitors, workers and those traveling through Plymouth Township.

GregMangan
Treasurer, PlymouthTownship
Firefighters Local 1496

State reduces judicial seats

The Michigan House of Representatives last week approved a package of bills that will cut the number of trial judges in the state by 36 throughattrition.

The original bipartisan legislation passed by the House in December proposed eliminating 41 trial court judgeships. The Senate amended the bills and reduced the number to 36.

"The last time we eliminated judgeships in Michigan was more than a decade ago, and even though the current reduction is not as sweeping as we first envisioned, it is a huge step toward reforming the judiciary, assuring access to justice and saving taxpayer money," said state Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, chair of the House JudiciaryCommittee.

The legislationwas recommended in a report compiled by the State Court Administrative Offices. Past reports have urged similar reductions, but the recommendations were not acted upon. The current report received the support of the Michigan Supreme Court and all three state judge's associations.

"This will in no way affect a citizen's right to a speedy trial or full access to justice through the court system," Walsh said. "It is overdue reform that will save taxpayer money in the long run, and will bring our judicial system to the correct size."

The package -- House Bills 5071-77, 5093-95 and 5101-08 -- now goes to the governor for his signature.

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companies. Your chances of survival will greatly depend on how the ambulance is equipped and whether or not staffed with attendants who have a basic emergency medical technician certification or staffed by paramedics with advanced life support training and equipment.

Ambulances vary widely in the equipment they carry.

In Plymouth City for example the Northville Fire Department-Plymouth City ambulance is only equipped to the basic EMS level and does not contain any of the life saving new technology.

Contrarily, the Plymouth Community Fire Department, who were recently given a death sentence by the township board of trustees, have ambulances that are specially equippedwith the critical life saving tools, like cardiac monitors, ICDs, and other very specialized equipment and are manned 100 per cent of the time with advanced life support paramedics. This department no longer serves City of Plymouth residents after a new agreement was put in place Jan. 1, 2012, and their future with the township is questionable.

Plymouth city officials have elected to use the HVA Ambulance Co. from Ypsilanti to back up their one ambulance truck, and the township board is considering giving the same company a contract soon, but have to yet announce their plan.

HVA boasts they can arrive to any location in the city or township, "within 10 minutes, 90 percent of the time."

Emergency responders are trained meet at the basic regulatory standards and it is generally voluntary whether they equip their vehicles with the life saving-advanced life support equipment andhow they train their crewswith themost up to date procedures and skills.

HVA Ambulance says all of their ambulances are equipped for advanced life support, but not all of their attendants are trained to the same level. Some have only the basic level and others are paramedics.

DonHoward,
PlymouthTownship

Old

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ment, I think that one goes on the getting old side of the ledger, although the cat didn't seem to hold a grudge.

I do have more patience than I used to, I think. I mean people don't irritate me half as much as they used to and my vocabulary no longer makes truck drivers wince and sailors blush. I'm going to put that on the growing up scorecard.

On the other hand, I am farmore creative when irritated than I used to be. I no longer take immediate retaliatory action, but bide my time until my unsuspecting irritator is at ease before I attack. Unless I forget, which I usually do, in about 30 seconds so this has to be a sign of old age.

I do forget. I forget everything. I have no short-term memory left at all. The other day I couldn't remember where I put my cell phone. I calledmy beloved spouse, in tears. I was hysterical because I really, really needed the phone that evening.

In his calm, soothing tones (which irritated the snot out of me, frankly) he asked me what I was using to call him with if I didn't havemy cell phone.

Yeah, I was talking to him on the phone I lost.

Old age, for sure.

Actually, I'm having a lot of trouble coming upwithmuch in the getting wiser arena. There really isn't a lot to be said for getting old.

Other than the fact that young people seriously underestimate you. They are all confident that their sharp minds and strong bodies make them far superior beings. They are absolutely confident that they will never, ever experience the effects of failing memory or weakeningmuscles or growold - which is really a good time if you want to seriouslymesswith them.

And I do. Every chance I get.

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Patsy Jean Ware
Sunrise: June 10, 1944
Sunset: Feb. 4, 2012

Patsy Jean Ware died Feb. 4, 2012.
Among those left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Andre Ware; a loving mother, Leola V. Bouyer; a loving aunt, Zenobia (Elree) Thompson; four children, Richard (Sena) McGinnis, Tikia McGinnis, Phillippia McGinnis and Terra (Billy Cason) McGinnis; a stepson, Jamaro (Darlene) Stallworth; a step-daughter, Kenisha (Andre Hall) Ware; two brother, Horace 9Annette) Cranford of Warren, OH and Vernon (Doris) Williams of Kentucky; a step-sister, Letitia parker Bouyer; sisters-in-law, Lucy Cranford, wife of the late Roy Cranford, Pam (Joseph) Martin and Carla (Eric) Lear of Tennessee; brothers-in-law, Kevin Ware and Shaun Hayes; 10 grandchildren, Da'Zania (Jermaine) Byrd, Antione Trapp, Angelowe Trapp, James Robinson, Jameiah Robinson, Keyouni Collins, Richard Jalaun McGinnis, Jada McGinnis, Cameron Cason and Jordan McGinnis; four great-grandchildren, Kamani Allen, Bria Trapp, Aniah Thomas and Kymora rose Bowen; two step-grandchildren, Kyara Stallworth and Donye Hall; a host of other nieces, nephews and other relatives; her many friends at Bakers' Keyboard Lounge, and several other friends.
Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster which was entrusted with the final arrangements.
Cremation rites were accorded by Tri County Cremation Services.

Samuel Colley, Sr.
Sunrise: July 25, 1916
Sunset: Feb. 11, 2012

Samuel Colley, Sr. died Feb. 11, 2012.
Among those left to mourn his passing are his loving and devoted wife, Hattie M. Colley; three sons, Samuel (Edith) Colley, Jr., Tossie Lee (Betty) Colley of Loganville, GA and Richard D. (Shelia) Colley of Southfield; a stepson, Ceaser (Lisa) Johnson Jr. of Markhan, IL; three daughters, Louis Coulter and Eliza Colley of Loganville, GA and Leola Bass of Inkster; a step-daughters, Sabrina Lillard of Dearborn Heights; 23 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many friends.
Funeral services were at New Christ Temple on Colgate Avenue in Inkster with Elder Luther Jenkins officiating.
Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.
Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Gardens on Ridge Road in Canton Township.

Geraldine Eugene Vesey
Sunrise: Nov. 26, 1947
Sunset: Feb. 11, 2012

Geraldine Eugene Vesey died Feb. 11, 2012.
Among those left to mourn her passing and cherish her memory are her special mother-in-law, Catherine Vesey; two children, Wynston and Gina; a step-daughter, Kelley (Timothy) Vesey; four grandchildren, Mariyah, Timothy Jr., Andre and Bianco; a cousin, Wanda Boston; three aunts, Mary Jones, Dove Jones, Evelyn allen and Meta Early; sisters-in-law, Gail Smith, Wanda (John) Potter and Brenda (Earl) Brinston; brothers-in-law, Melven (Pat) Vesey, Tyree (Dornitha) Vesey, John (Sandra) Vesey, Dennis (Cherryl) Vesey, Harold Vesey, Phillip Vesey and Gordon Vesey; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many close friends.
Funeral services were at Amity Baptist Church on Carlysle in Inkster with the Rev. Dr. Leonora Turner officiating.
Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.
Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Gardens on Ridge Road in Canton Township.

Edward Earl Harris
Sunrise: March 26, 1961
Sunset: Feb. 12, 2012

Edward Earl Harris died Feb. 12, 2012.
Among those left to cherish his memory and mourn his passing are his mother, Etta; stepfather, Bobby; brothers, Willie (Felicia), Argusta, Jr., David and Earl (Marcie), all of Michigan and James (Trudy) of Tennessee; two sisters, Mary (Mose) of Michigan and Arlena (Terrance) of Idaho; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces nephews, cousins and other relatives; and many friends.
Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. John D. Hearn, Jr. officiating.
Final rites were accorded by Tri County Cremation Services.

Death Notice

Be it know to all men and/or any interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission gives proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to

GERARD BLACK
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Free tax help for seniors offered

The City of Wayne Senior Services will offer the tax assistance through the American Association of Retired Persons. The program is free to anyone who files basic tax forms and all returns will be e-filed the day of preparation.

Taxes will be prepared each Wednesday during February and March by appointment only. To make an appointment, call (734)721-7460.

Girls softball registration opens

Northville Parks and Recreation Softball registrationhas begunwith al new format.

Northville Softball Associationhas teamed up with the Livonia Softball Association to create one league with two divisions offering inter-league (beginning at age 10) games.

In addition, there are new uniforms, improved fields and umpires for all age groups, Machine pitch is available beginning at age 6, Girls pitchbeginning at age 10.

Registration is now available at www.nbsaonline.org

UndergroundRailroad is topic

The Underground Railroad in Michigan will be the topic of a special presentation at the Northville District Library at 7 p.m. Feb. 27.

Carol Mull, the author of The Underground Railroad in Michigan will discuss the vital role in the national effort to end slavery Michigan played in a visual presentation about anti-slavery sentiment and the network of escape routes inMichigan.

The program will take place in the main meeting roomof the library.

The event is free and suitable for ages 12 and older.

To reserve a seat, call (248)-349-3020.

The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady St. in downtown Northville. For information, visit www.northvillelibrary.org.

Pre School Art classes available

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering Pre School Art Classes for toddlers and preschoolers. Included activities are printmaking, paint, clay and drawing for ages 2 ½ to 4 ½ on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 29 untilMarch 28.

Tuition is $80 or $65 formembers.

The council is also offering the Littlest Artist Studio for children 4-5½years old from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 through March 27. Tuition is $80 or $65 formembers.

To register for either class, call (734) 416-4278.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774N. SheldonRoad inPlymouth.

Church serves fish dinners

St. Aloysius Catholic Church will serve all-you-can-eat fish dinners from4:30 until 7 p.m. on Fridays during Lent, beginning Feb. 24 throughMarch 30.

Dinners include fried fish, macaroni and cheese, seasoned potatoes or French fires, green beans, Cole slaw, dinner roll, dessert and a beverage.

The price for adult meals is $8. Meals for children 10 and younger are $4 and those younger than 3 eat at no cost with the purchase of an adult meal. Carry out dinners ar prices at $8.

The church is located at 37200 Neville St. inRomulus.

Formore information, call (734) 941-5056.

Oldest profession on stage

The Spotlight Still Got It Players will present "The Oldest Profession" by Paula Vogel March 1-4 at the Biltmore Studio in the VillageTheater inCantonTownship.

Performances of the R rated show are planned at noon March 1, at 2 and 7 p.m. March 2 and 3 and at 2 p.m. March 4.

Tickets are $11-$15 and available by phone at the Village Theater box o (734) 394-5460or 734-394-5300 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater orwww.spotlightplayers-mi.org. Tickets are also available at the Summit on the Park or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to show-time. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road inCanton.

For more information about Still Got It Players call (734)-480-4945 or Visit: www.spot-lightplayersmi.org.Click on Still Got It Players.

Good for a laugh

Drex Moton from Canton fills the lead role as Dr.Frank Gilbreth and real life mother and daughter Kristine and Annie Heitemeier from Northville are featured players in the latest production of the Spotlight Players, Cheaper By The Dozen. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Feb. 24 and 25 and 2 p.m. Feb. 25 and 26 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets, $18 for adults, $17 for seniors and students under 19, are available by phone at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.spot-lightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to show-time. Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 65 years.

Plymouth bridal showplanned

Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouthwill be the site of a Spring Bridal Trunk Show from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. March 3. The free event is designed for consumers in the wedding market to receive information for planning their wedding and to promote "buy local".

Dearborn Jewelers will feature a collection of engagement andwedding rings as well as attendants' gifts.

They have also invited Biba Design Jewelry to unveil her newest collection of pearl and gemstone bridal jewelry as well as her spring and summer collections.

Also featured will be bridesmaid dresses fromBella Mia Dressed Up. Magnolia, Fresh Flower Market will be showing some of their bridal bouquets and centerpieces while Special Moments Photography will be on hand with their portfolio of wedding photos. Spa Agio is the perfect destination spot for a bride who needs to de-stress before her big day.

Spa pampering services can be the perfect thank-you gift for family and attendants. Fiamma Grille will be serving appetizers and discuss rehearsal dinner and reception ideas

The event is free and refreshments will be provided.

For further information call Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth (734) 737-9525 or visit www.dearbornjewelers.com.

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